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In re Application of :  
Luna et al. :  
Application No. 09/707,521 : ON PETITION  
Filed : November 6, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket Number: :  
SONY-50P3845 :

This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 13, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action, mailed November 2, 2004. The Notice set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months from the mail date of the Notice, and also provided for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant filed a response on August 17, 2004; however, the response failed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant was so notified in an Advisory Action mailed May 6, 2005.

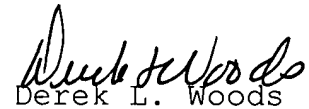
Applicant next filed a petition to withdraw prematureness of final rejection, to enter applicant's response, and to withdraw the holding of abandonment on September 14, 2005, which was denied in a Decision mailed December 18, 2005, for failing to meet the requirements of a grantable petition.

No timely and proper reply having been received, the application became abandoned February 3, 2005. The mailing of this Decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

With the instant petition, Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and a submission in the form of an Amendment.

This application is being returned to Technology Center 2613 for processing of the RCE and Amendment in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek L. Woods".

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